

## MEDIA RELEASE

# FlashWrite

## HIGHLIGHTING WHO WE ARE

The Gunning Arts Festival today launched a short story writing project **FlashWrite** - highlighting who we are.

The Festival Committee are inviting submissions of stories of up to 1500 words that encapsulate local life experiences. Stories related to the 2021 Festival theme "Rejuvenation" are especially welcome.

A selection of the stories will be published online in the lead up to the 2021 Gunning Arts Festival and some will be selected to be performed and published in a booklet to be printed as part of the Festival.

Full details on the project and how to submit stories can be found on the Gunning Arts Festival website: <https://www.gunningartsfestival.com/activities/flashwrite-project/>

The FlashWrite project is sponsored by BJCE Australia's Biala and Gullen Range Wind Farms and supported by an Upper Lachlan Cultural Funding Program grant. The Upper Lachlan Cultural Funding Program is funded by the Upper Lachlan Shire Council. "We are delighted to be able to support the local community through sponsorship of the FlashWrite project. We look forward to everyone being able to enjoy the results of this community-led project at the 2021 Gunning Arts Festival", said Derek Powell, BJCE Australia's Deputy General Manager.

To support community members, two free writing workshops will be run late in 2020 to help in the development of short stories. These will be led by local Gunning author, Mr Greg Baines, who says; "writing really is 1% inspiration and 99% editing." These workshops will help to guide people through the short story form, editing process and provide some personal feedback.

"Our stories are what make us who we are. We hope that this collection and publication will leave an enduring and entertaining legacy of our local community" said Mr Baines.

Submissions are welcome any time until 8 February 2021 and can be lodged electronically or in hardcopy.

"A sense of belonging and shared identity is a vital component of the liveability of an area. Upper Lachlan Shire Council is pleased to be able to offer Arts/Cultural program support to the community-building Flashwrite project", said Andrew Warren, Tourism Manager, Upper Lachlan Tourist Association, Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

Images attached - Mr Greg Baines, Gunning author | FlashWrite logo

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